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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masato KOIKE, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2872**

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Examiner: **A. CHANG**

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For: **PLANE DIFFRACTION GRATING BASED ON SURFACE NORMAL
ROTATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO AN OPTICAL SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket No.: **001035**

Customer No.: **38834**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 28, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.